

Mount Grafton Wilderness Bureau of Land Management

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Size: acres 78,728 acres **Elevation:** 6,000 – 10,991 feet

Designation: White Pine County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act (2006)

Directions

The Mountt Grafton Wilderness is located in the Schell Creek Range in White Pine and Lincoln Counties approximately 30 miles southwest of Ely. Access to the Mount Grafton Wilderness Area from Ely is via U.S. Highway 93 southbound approximately 50 miles. U.S. Highway 93 near Geyser Ranch runs parallel to the east boundary of the wilderness.



Area Description

The Mount Grafton Wilderness is extremely rugged with numerous rock outcrops, crags and peaks scattered along the ridgeline. The broad slopes of the mountain are host to extensive stands of quaking aspen and mahogany as well as conifer species including white fir, limber, and bristlecone pine. Streams provide adequate water for monkey flower, wild rose and primrose. Other flowers include blue flax, cacti, arrow leaf balsam root and milk vetch.

Several creeks rush down from the higher elevations through large aspen groves. North Creek has a large riparian area and supports one of the few fisheries located entirely on BLM administered lands within the Ely District. The Mount Grafton Wilderness is known for its outstanding populations of elk, and mule deer and is popular with hunters. Also in the area are pronghorn antelope, and there is high potential for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

Recreational Opportunities

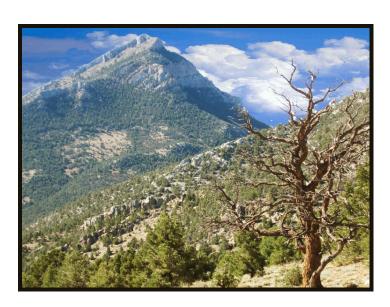
Recreational opportunities include camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, and hunting. If horseback riding in the area you may need to carry feed. Hay must be certified weed free. Hunting and non-commercial trapping are allowed under state and local laws within wilderness. Remember camping is limited to 14 days and campsites are primitive. Remember that cutting or removing vegetation is not permitted. Gathering wood for campfires, when permitted, is limited to dead and down material. Please help preserve Nevada's fragile environments, park your vehicle and set up camp in previously used sites. Impact to the area can be minimized by practicing Leave No Trace ethics.

Mechanized and motorized vehicles are NOT PERMITTED in wilderness.

Additional Information

- Signs indicating "Wilderness" and "Closed Road" are placed at various intervals.
- Vehicles can be parked outside the wilderness boundary.
- Pets are allowed, but please keep your pets under control at all times.
- Removal, disturbance, or attempting to remove archaeological materials is a felony.
- Retrieving game or checking traps may only occur by foot or horseback within wilderness.
- Contact the Ely District BLM Office for current road conditions, and hazards.





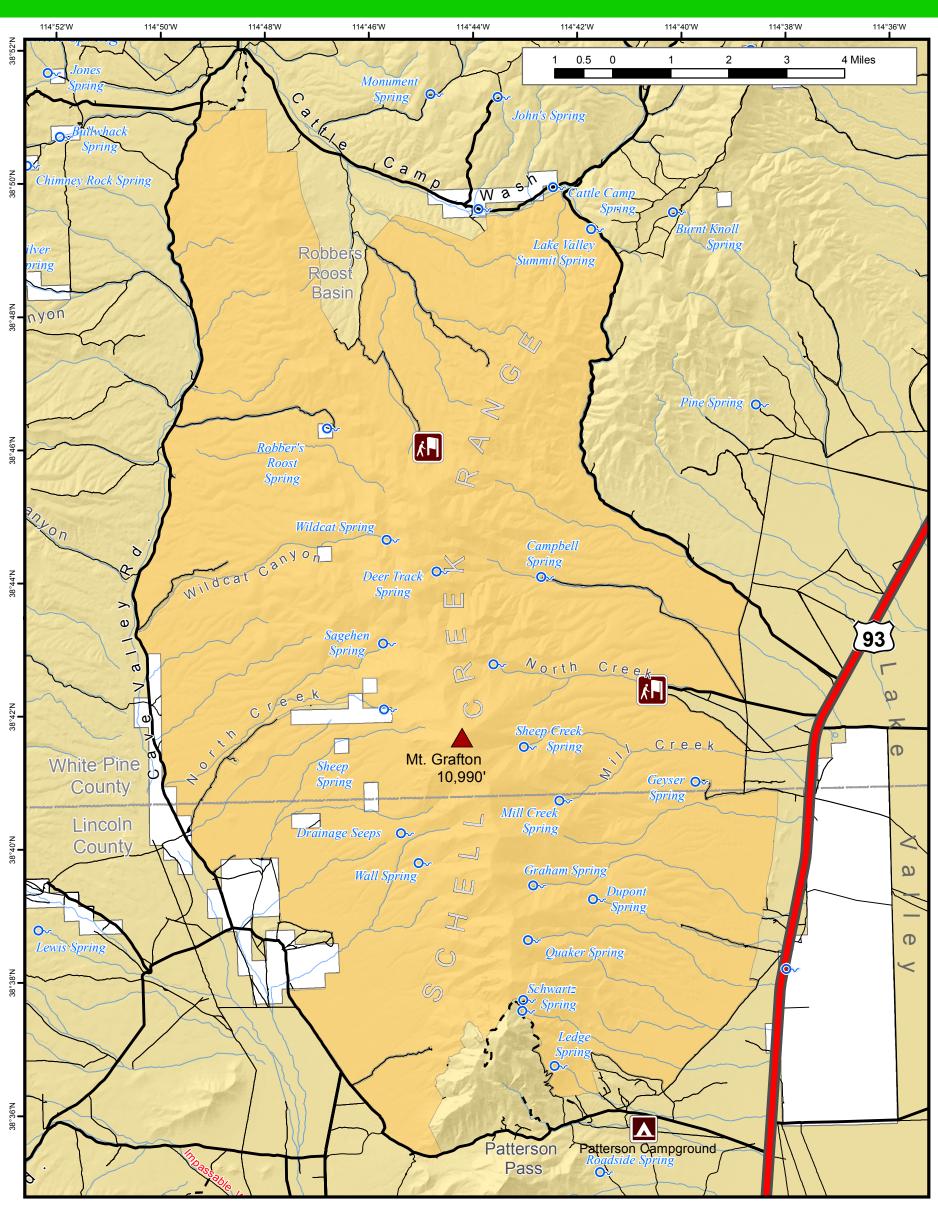
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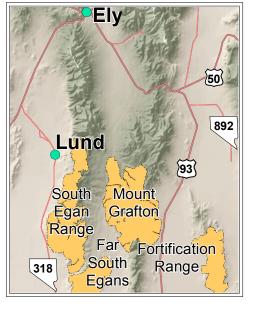
USGS 7.5 Quadrangle Maps: Bullwhack Summit, Cattle Camp Spring, Parker Station, Mount Grafton, Shingle Pass SE, and Milk Ranch Spring BLM 1:100,000 Map: Garrison





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City

A Highest Point in Wilderness



Kiosk



Campground



— Route: 4WD or better

--- Route: ATV

BLM Wilderness

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